

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR

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“The teaching of our fathers and mothers has been to look toward the celestial light. In that light there is happiness, peace and sunshine, and all we may ask for in life.—LEVI EDGAR YOUNG.

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THE “STAR” AND ITS PROPHESIED HEADQUARTERS

BISHOP JAMES H. WALLIS

THE moving of the Headquarters of the European Mission from Liverpool to London was predicted ninety-three years ago at a meeting of the Council of the Twelve held in Manchester, following a Conference held in Preston on April 14th, 15th and 16th, 1840,



42 Islington, Liverpool, for half a century headquarters of the *Star* and European Mission

less than three years after the Gospel was introduced into Great Britain. We quote from the minutes of the Council as published in Volume IV of the *History of the Church* :

Minutes of the Council of the Twelve, viz., Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, Willard Richards; also Hiram Clark and Reuben Hedlock, High Priests, at the house of Willard Richards, No. 1 Chapman Street, Manchester; Brigham Young presiding.

Moved by Elder Kimball, that Elder Richards take care of the *Millennial Star*; seconded and carried. Voted that our publishing office be moved to London *as soon as circumstances will permit*; and that Elders Hedlock and Curtis go where they please to labour.—Willard Richards, Clerk.

“Circumstances” did not permit this resolution from taking formal effect until the dedication of the European Mission Office Headquarters at 5 Gordon Square, London, which occurred on

April 6th, 1933, as already published in a recent issue of the *Star*.

It might be interesting to narrate the events leading up to the holding of conference at the home of Willard Richards in Manchester, nearly a century ago. The opening of the Gospel door in Great Britain occurred on Thursday, July 20th, 1837, when Heber C. Kimball and Orson Hyde, accompanied by Willard Richards, Joseph Fielding, John Goodson, Isaac Russell and John Snyder landed at Liverpool. They proceeded to Preston two days later, where Elder Kimball on Sunday, July 23rd, 1837, delivered the first Gospel discourse in the Vauxhall Chapel. One week from that day the first converts baptized in a foreign land took place in the River Ribble. There were nine baptisms altogether, the first convert being George D. Watts. The work spread with rapidity so that by Christmas time the first Conference of the Church in Great Britain was held that day at Preston, attended by over three hundred members. Over one hundred little children were blessed that day. Nine months after the preaching of the first Gospel sermon, Elders Kimball and Hyde were released to return to America. In that short space of time there had been baptized over 1,500 people and about twenty branches organized. For two years, missionary work was prosecuted mostly by local Elders.

In January, 1840, Apostles John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff arrived in Liverpool and took charge of the Mission. Elder Taylor stayed in Liverpool, where he soon had a thriving branch of forty, and Elder Woodruff went first to the potteries in Staffordshire and thence to Herefordshire, where within a few weeks he baptized several hundred, including over forty preachers. Three months later, in April, 1840, Apostle Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, George A. Smith and Elder Reuben Hedlock arrived in Preston, where a three days' Conference was held, and Elder Willard Richards was ordained an Apostle, making eight members of the Quorum of the Twelve present. A report of this Conference showed a membership in the mission of 1,671 souls, including 132 holding the Priesthood. At this council it was decided that a monthly periodical should be published, to be known as *The Latter-day Saints' Millennial Star*, with Parley P. Pratt as its editor.

After the close of the Conference, Elder Pratt went to Manchester and began preparations for the publication of the *Star*. Within a month, he had all arrangements completed and was able to issue the first number in the latter part of May. The size of the page, weight of paper, and general makeup chosen at the beginning has been continued until the present. It was issued first as a monthly of twenty-four pages, with cover, and bore the imprint, "Manchester: Printed by W. R. Thomas, Spring Gardens, 149 Oldham Road." The next three numbers were thirty-two pages each, and the next six numbers twenty-four pages each, making the number of pages in the whole volume, three-hundred and twelve. The last four numbers of the first volume were printed by W. Shackleton and Son, Duncie Place, Manchester.

The first number (May, 1841) of the second volume, was printed by Dalton and Rigg, 61 Spring Gardens. After that the numbers bore the imprint: "Printed and published by P. P. Pratt, 47 Oxford Street, Manchester, and for sale at the Emigration Office,

36 Chapel Street, Liverpool." Before the volume closed, the publishing office was removed to Liverpool, 36 Chapel Street, and from that time until the removal of the European Mission Headquarters to London in March of this year, the *Star* had been published in that city.

Volume II of the *Millennial Star* consisted of twelve monthly numbers, but each number contained only sixteen pages, making one hundred and ninety-two pages in the volume. Commencing with volume VI (June 15th, 1845) the *Star* was changed to a semi-monthly. That volume (volume VI) only covered six months, the last number being dated December 1st, 1845. Volume seven, also published semi-monthly, commenced with January, 1846, but like its predecessor, only covered six months. Volume VIII covered the balance of 1846. Volume IX commenced with January 1st, 1847, and closed with December 15th, 1847, and consisted of twenty-four numbers. Volumes X, XI, XII and XIII



New home of the European Mission and
Millennial Star

were also published regularly as a semi-monthly periodical, each volume covering a calendar year. But with the beginning of 1852, commencing with January 1st of that year (Volume XIV), the paper was changed from a semi-monthly to a weekly periodical, and as such it has been continued until the present time (1933). The current volume, or the volume covering 1933, will be the ninety-fifth volume in line of publication.

Since 1852, when the paper was changed to a weekly periodical, each volume has averaged about eight hundred forty-two pages, and altogether the ninety-four volumes of the *Millennial Star* published from 1840 to 1932 inclusive, contains about seventy-two thousand pages of printed matter, all the pages in the volumes being an average size octavo.

On two different occasions the very existence of the *Millennial Star* has been threatened through lack of patronage. The editor intended to suspend the publication at the close of volume II, but upon the urgent appeal of the Scotch saints and others, who promised and rendered financial aid, it was continued. Early in 1843, agreeable to instructions from the headquarters of the

Church in Nauvoo, Illinois, the publication of the *Star* was stopped temporarily, but only for a couple of months, after which it was continued, and the back numbers issued, so that there was practically no break in the publication. In October, 1843, the *Star* had one thousand six hundred subscribers, but when the periodical was changed into a weekly publication, July 1st, 1850, the circulation was increased to about twenty-two thousand, and the subscription price lowered from threepence to one penny.

The first office of the British Mission was established at 47 Oxford Street, Manchester. When the office was removed to Liverpool in 1847, quarters for the accommodation of the mission were secured at 36 Chapel Street, Liverpool, but in 1845 it was moved to the Stanley Buildings, Bath Street, Liverpool, since demolished to make way for a new street.



President Widtsoe, Patriarch Wallis, President Douglas and missionaries at Dedicatory Services of European Mission Headquarters.

is a familiar household word, known to tens of thousands of Latter-day Saints and missionaries the world over. Here it remained for forty-nine years, or until May 5th, 1904, when more convenient and pleasant quarters were purchased by the Church at 10 Holly Road, Fairfield, Liverpool, to which place the headquarters were moved under the direction of President Heber J. Grant. Here it remained until January 3rd, 1907, when a still better locality and superior premises were chosen and purchased for the Mission and *Star* in the adjoining street, 295 Edge Lane, more familiarly known as "Durham House," where the office of the European Mission and *Millennial Star* remained until March, 1933, when it was removed to 5 Gordon Square, London, W. C. 1., only a short distance from the headquarters of the British Mission at 43 Tavistock Square.

Until 1861, the *Millennial Star* and other Church publications were printed by various firms in England, but in the spring of 1861 arrangements were made by President George Q. Cannon, accord-

When Orson Hyde, in 1846, took charge of the British Mission, the Mission and *Star* Office was temporarily located at 135 Duke Street, but was soon afterwards moved to number 6 Goree Piazza, Liverpool, where it remained until June, 1847, when it was removed to 39 Torbock Street. The next move took place in August, 1848, to number 15 Wilton Street, where the office remained until April, 1855. It was more permanently located at 36 Islington, Liverpool, the number being changed May 3rd, 1855, to "42" Islington. This number

ing to the wishes of President Brigham Young, for the printing and publishing of the *Millennial Star*, *Journal of Discourses*, and other Church works and periodicals at the Latter-day Saint Mission Office in Liverpool. Consequently, a printing press and the necessary machinery, type and material was purchased, and the first number of the *Millennial Star* was printed and published from number 42 Islington, Liverpool, commencing with number seventeen of volume XXIII, dated April 20th, 1861. The *Star* has been printed from its own printing department from then until the present time. With the removal of the European Headquarters to London, it will now be published in that city.

The title page of each complete volume has always borne a scriptural or other quotation as a motto. These were of prime interest, as they were chosen with respect to the mission of the *Star*, as an organ of the Church, and expressed the thought and feeling of the several editors with reference to the signs of the times and the great latter-day work. They have usually had some significance relevant to the contents.

After the eighth volume a motto was chosen for each number, but the following quotation ran throughout the year and was continued in the succeeding eight volumes: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches." With the seventeenth volume and continuing until the twentieth, the above was used in each number, and in addition, the following: "Come out of her my people, that ye may not be partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

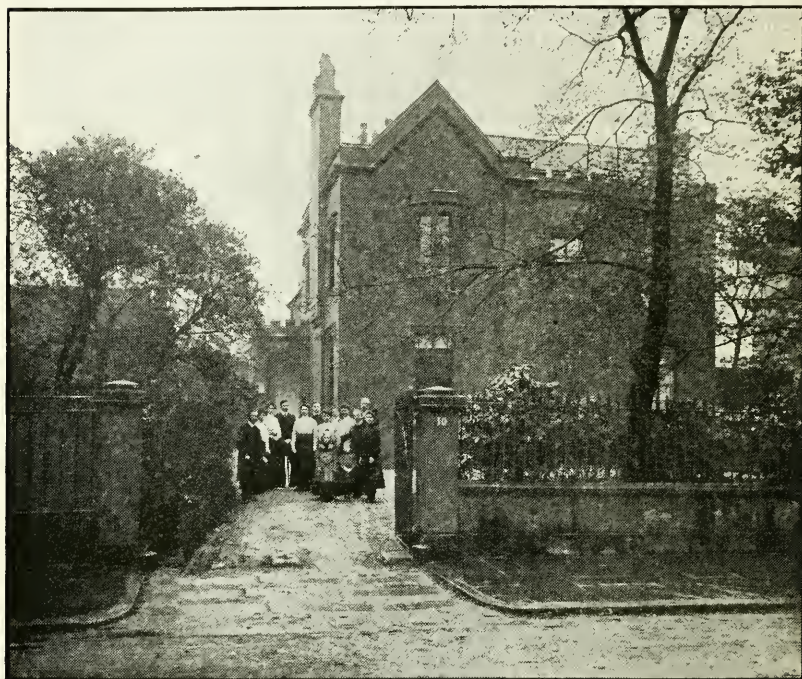
From volume twenty-one mottos in each number were changed yearly, until volume fifty-nine. In volume sixty, year 1898, the number mottos were changed once a month, and this practice continued until volume sixty-eight, year 1906, when, after the first



Headquarters of the British Mission

Front row—James H. Douglas, President ; Sister Rintha Pratt Douglas ; Rulon D. Newell, Secretary. Second Row—Louis G. Robison, Leslie T. Norton, John B. Stagg, E. LeRoy Anderson, Hugh D. Higgins.

month, the motto was changed with each number, which custom still continues. A further departure was made at this time, in selecting quotations from the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and other writings; some from the writings of moralists and social philosophers of the world, whose names were some-



Ten Holly Road, Liverpool, Headquarters of the European Mission and *Millennial Star* from May 1st, 1904, to January 1st, 1907

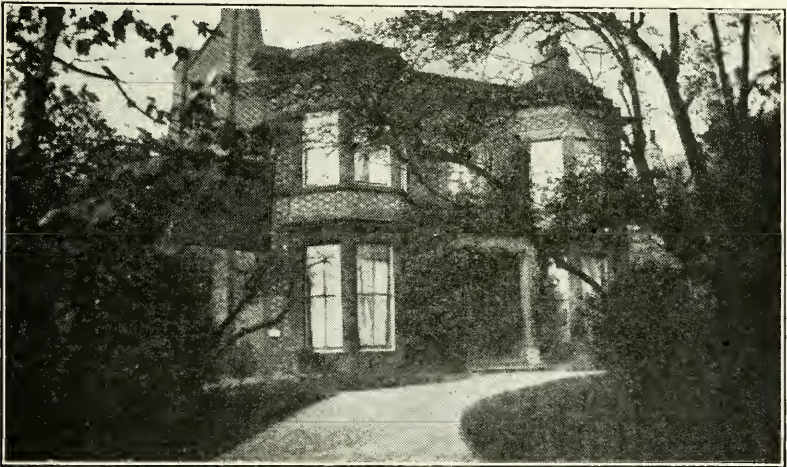
times given, and often selected aphorisms appeared with no authorship named. This practice continued until about the middle of volume seventy-five, 1913; since which time the mottoes have been taken from the Bible and the sayings of our Church leaders.

The foreman of the *Millennial Star* Office was, from the first or very soon after, Mr. William L. Davies, who continued in charge for about thirty years, and with whom Patriarch James H. Wallis was associated from August, 1877, to April, 1881. Mr. Davies was succeeded by Elder H. J. Halton, now with the Z. C. M. I., Salt Lake City, Utah, who was with the office for more than nine years, taking his departure for Zion, June 7th, 1900. He was succeeded by the present efficient and faithful foreman, Mr. James Foggo.

There have been a number of practical printers, typographers and pressmen called on missions, and it is known that several of these have at times served in the publishing department of the *Star*. Among them may be mentioned, Joseph Bull, Sr., Walter

J. Lewis, Joseph Hyrum Parry, Joseph Bull, Jr., George C. Lambert, Edwin F. Parry, James H. Anderson and J. M. Sjødahl.

Elder Thomas Ward was the first associate editor of the *Star*, assisting Parley P. Pratt. On the return of Elder Pratt to the United States in October, 1842, he was made editor-in-chief. Elder Reuben Hedlock subsequently arrived from Nauvoo, and became the presiding Elder of the Mission, but Elder Ward still continued editor of and principal writer for the *Star*, as he did also after Apostle Wilford Woodruff arrived in January, 1845, to preside over the Mission. In the following June, however, Elder Woodruff became senior editor, and Elder Ward associate. In January, 1846, Elder Woodruff, having decided to return home, Elder Ward again became the editor. On the arrival of Apostle Orson Hyde and John Taylor in October, 1846, to assume the presidency of the British Mission, the first named became editor of the *Star*. Elder Orson Spencer was expected from America to relieve Elder Hyde, but news having been received that he was dead, his obituary was published in the *Star* of January 1st, 1847, and in the next issue Elder Hyde announced his own departure for America, and the appointment of Elder Franklin D. Richards



"Durham House," 295 Edge Lane, Liverpool

to the presidency of the Mission and Editor of the *Star*. Elder Richards' tenure of office was very brief; he only remained to edit one number of the *Star*, and, indeed, his name was not even published as Editor, but instead appeared the name of Orson Spencer, for, strange to say, he landed in England twenty-three days after his death had been announced, and enjoyed a privilege which most mortals are denied—that of reading his own obituary. In June following, owing to the sickness of Elder Spencer, Elder Franklin D. Richards edited the *Star* for one number. Elder Spencer continued as Editor, with Lyman O. Littlefield as assistant, until August, 1848, when Apostle Orson

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THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1933

EDITORIAL

OUR NEW APPEARANCE

THIS issue of the *Millennial Star*, in celebration of its birthday anniversary, appears in a "new dress." We feel sure the change of appearance will be greeted by its readers. The new type is a modern face, and easily read. It has been several years since the *Star* was clothed in a new dress. She deserves the present model, and we predict that her centennial number will be enlarged, in specially designed covers, well illustrated, with well-written congratulations by some of its oldest living editors, and a "new dress" withal. We trust that between now and then there will be a well built-up subscription list, embracing not only members of the Church, but several hundred friends and investigators. There is not and never has been a better and more faithful missionary than the *Millennial Star*. May its lustre continue to grow brighter and brighter unto the perfect day, and may its field of usefulness be extended by those interested in the ultimate triumph of God's purposes in the earth.—JAMES H. WALLIS.

AN APPEAL TO ALL SAINTS

TO THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS THROUGHOUT THE BRITISH MISSION

Beloved Brethren and Sisters :

Ninety-three years ago this month the first issue of the *Millennial Star* was printed. Its editor, Elder Parley P. Pratt, made the following statement in the first paragraph of his prospectus :

"The long night of darkness is now far spent—the Truth revived in its primitive simplicity and purity, like the day-star of the horizon, lights up the dawn of that effulgent morn when the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. It has pleased the Almighty to send forth an Holy Angel to restore to them 'the faith which was once delivered to the saints,' and to send His servants in these last days, with a special message to all the nations of the earth, in order to prepare all who will hearken for the Second Advent of Messiah, which is now at hand."

Before the first number of the *Millennial Star* was printed the Gospel had been preached throughout the British Isles by capable representatives of the Latter-day Saints' Church for three years, and thousands had embraced the Truth. As the Gospel spread and numbers increased, the need of some means other than preaching became evident. The *Star* became the official mouth-piece of the Church in the British Mission.

By its many wonderful discourses were printed, much valuable information pertaining to the growth and progress of the Church

was made known to the people. Its pages were eagerly read and absorbed by the Latter-day Saints. No member of the Church could afford to miss a single issue.

For ninety-three years the *Star* has been continuously published, giving all saints the benefit of choice discourses from the General Authorities of the Church, as well as editorials from our most able writers.

The *Star* is still the official publication of the British Mission, ably edited by President John A. Widdsoe and his associate, Bishop James H. Wallis.

The *Star* to-day should be in every Latter-day Saint home in the British Mission, and read by every member of the family. I make this appeal to all Latter-day Saints to increase their efforts, not only become a subscriber to the *Star*, but appeal to every investigator to become a subscriber. Your efforts cannot help but result in good. Bear in mind that every reader of the *MILLENNIAL STAR* who lives up to its teachings will be a better citizen, a better father, a better mother, a better home-maker, and a better Latter-day Saint.

Sincerely,

JAMES H. DOUGLAS
Mission President.

THE EUROPEAN MISSION OFFICE IN LONDON

THE office of the European Mission was moved, early this year, from Liverpool to London. This had been in contemplation for some time, owing to changed demands upon our European missionary activities.

During the last few years, trans-Atlantic passenger traffic has shifted largely from the fine, modern port of Liverpool to the more recently developed ports of Plymouth and Southampton. The "ocean greyhounds," and the majority of the large boats, touch only at the two southern ports. Since January, 1928, out of the several thousand Latter-day Saint missionaries who during that five-year period served in Europe, only about a dozen embarked or disembarked in Liverpool. Constant travel to London, at a large cost of money and time, was therefore required to meet and assist coming and returning missionaries and to conduct properly the business aspects of their ocean transportation.

Moreover, as members of the Church in Europe well know, the organized activities of the branches have increased considerably since the practical prohibition of emigration to America. All the regularly established organizations of the Church are now functioning, more or less completely, in the European missions. To avoid duplication and confusion of effort, the European Mission Office supplies the missions with the necessary policies and materials for the various Church activities. This has thrown much added responsibility upon the European Mission Office, and has made necessary a larger and more completely organized office staff. These new responsibilities will be better met by the location, collections, and centralized nature of London.

The European Mission Office is charged by the First Presidency with supervisory duties in connection with the missions in Europe.

The proper fulfilment of these duties demand constant close contacts with all the missions, by correspondence and travel. Headquarters in the world's centre makes such contacts easier of attainment. Besides, matters arise almost daily that are handled more effectively by immediate direct consultation with the headquarters of the world's affairs, such as are found in London.

It is interesting to recall that in 1840, the authorities of the Church in England voted to move the headquarters of the *Millennial Star* to London, which really meant moving the headquarters of the mission there. But in those days Liverpool was the world's greatest passenger port; and largely as a convenience in handling the ocean transportation of emigrants and missionaries, the European Mission Office remained in Liverpool these many years.

Liverpool is a kindly, wholesome, forward-looking city. The European Mission Office Staff leave "Mersey-side" with regret and with the hope that a changing world will restore to Liverpool its wonted shipping prestige. We are grateful for the protection and assistance that Liverpool has given the Latter-day Saints for nearly three generations of time, and pray that it may be rewarded therefor with blessings from on high.

Durham House, the Liverpool home of the European Mission and British Mission Office Staffs for more than a quarter of a century, has become, by name at least, almost an integral part of the Church in Europe. Within its walls, hospitality and goodwill have garnished intense industry and devotion to the latter-day cause in Europe. But, the mission of Durham House was finished. In location and size it no longer met the new demands; and the tooth of time threatened expenditures which could more profitably be expended elsewhere.

The work of the Lord moves ever onward. Men and institutions must stand aside as it progresses or they must joyfully join in its triumphant onward march. We are grateful for the past; we now look hopefully into the future.

This statement is made to meet the natural and proper interest of the European Saints in the changes, developments and progress of the Church.—W.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

THE mailing list of the *Millennial Star* is being revised. We want to retain all the present subscribers, and we solicit their help in securing new friends. If in the process of revision any name is omitted from the new list of patrons, we will appreciate our attention being called to the fact, and we will gladly make the correction.

In this connection we direct the attention of the Elders in the field to the stirring appeal of our Mission President, James H. Douglas. It is expected of our missionaries that they will cooperate with us in enlarging our subscription list. Any Elder who neglects to do so is guilty of failure to improve an opportunity to carry the Gospel to the seeker after truth. One subscription a month for each Elder in the British Mission would swell our subscription list five hundred copies within a year, besides

which we would have that many friends and investigators informing themselves concerning our doctrines.

We call upon the District Presidents to give this matter their earnest and prayerful consideration. There are many ways to accomplish the results desired, and with the help of the Elders and branch presidents, thoroughly organized, we shall look to see this much needed work accomplished.—JAMES H. WALLIS.

IN THE HOLY LAND

WORD reaches the European Mission Headquarters in London that President John A. Widtsoe and Sister Leah D. Widtsoe have arrived safely at Haifa, Palestine, after a journey of twelve days. They report that the trip was pleasant, both on land and sea, and that their health was excellent all the way. The weather is very hot in Palestine at this season of the year. The ceremony of placing a headstone and tablet over the grave of President Joseph W. Booth, who died at Aleppo, Syria, on December 5th, 1928, will be observed on June 1st, when the last resting place of that noble minister of righteousness will be dedicated by President John A. Widtsoe. Just a short while before the death of President Booth the headquarters of the Armenian mission was established in Haifa, and preliminary steps were taken to carry on active missionary work there. His untimely death, however, halted the plans and for the past four years the Armenian members of the Church in Palestine and Syria have been governed by local officers.

Elder B. Piranian, a native Armenian and resident of Zurich, Switzerland, has been appointed president of the Armenian Mission, with headquarters at Haifa, Palestine. He had gone ahead of President Widtsoe, and was there to meet him when he reached that place. The new mission president is 42 years of age. He was born in Turkey. A few years ago President Piranian attempted to gain entrance into the United States for himself and family. His family having been born in Switzerland were permitted to go to Salt Lake City and reside there for some time. President Piranian tried unsuccessfully to remain in that country during two visits. When these attempts failed, he moved his wife and daughter to Zurich. The establishment of President Piranian as head of the Armenian Mission, marks a definite step toward the establishment of active missionary work in the Holy Land. President Widtsoe is making his first visit to the Holy Land during his Presidency of the European Mission.

President Widtsoe expects to be back in London about the end of June. On his return journey he will visit Syria, Beirut, Damascus, Aleppo, Constantinople, Athens and Rome, leaving the latter place about June 25th.—JAMES H. WALLIS.

BE full of love and integrity for all people, let hope abound in you, be filled with truth and virtue, and never allow yourselves to do a thing you would be ashamed to do in the presence of the Lord Almighty, or that you would be ashamed of were He to stand in your path and call you to account.—BRIGHAM YOUNG.

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Pratt arrived and relieved him of his duties. In March, 1850, Elder Pratt, having occasion to make a trip to America, called Elder Eli B. Kelsy to act temporarily as editor. On the 29th of the same month Apostle Franklin D. Richards, who, since leaving England in February, 1847, had been to Salt Lake City, returned, having been appointed to assist Elder Pratt. Elder Kelsy, however, continued to do most of the editorial work, until the return of Orson Pratt in July, 1850. He resumed his old position until the end of the year, when he returned to Utah and was succeeded by Elder Franklin D. Richards. In May, 1852, Elder Samuel W. Richards, brother to Franklin D. Richards, became president of the Mission and Editor of the *Star*, until relieved by his brother in June, 1854. Elder James A. Little was Associate Editor with him. In January, 1856, Elder W. E. Tullidge was called to assist in the editorial work. In July following, Elder Orson Pratt, having again arrived in England, resumed the duties of the president of the Mission and Editor of the *Star*, and the following November he called Elder John A. Ray to succeed Elder James A. Little. In October, 1857, Elder Samuel W. Richards succeeded Orson Pratt, with Elder Henry Whittall as Assistant Editor. In May, 1860, Elder N. V. Jones and Jacob Gates became the presiding officers of the Mission, with Elder Jones as Editor. Apostles Amasa M. Lyman and Charles C. Rich succeeded them in August, 1860, with the former as Editor. In January, 1861, Apostle George Q. Cannon became Editor with Elders Henry Whittall, George J. Taylor and Eugene Henriod as assistants. In May, 1862, it became necessary for Elder Cannon to make a brief visit to the United States, and Elder Jacob G. Bigler was placed in charge until his return, which occurred in the following September. In December, Elder E. L. Sloan was appointed Assistant Editor, and was succeeded in the following March by Elder William H. Shearman. Elder John C. Graham followed in March, 1864, and was succeeded by Joseph G. Romney in June, 1864. President Cannon returned home the following September, and Elder Daniel H. Wells and Brigham Young, Jr., jointly presided over the Mission, the former as Editor. In February, 1865, Elder J. V. Hood succeeded Elder Romney as Assistant Editor. President Wells returned home in September, 1865, and Brigham Young, Jr., became president and Editor, with Elder N. H. Felt as Assistant Editor, who was followed by Aurelius Miner, Orson Pratt, Franklin D. Richards and Charles W. Penrose. Elder Richards succeeded Elder Young in the presidency and Editorship in July, 1867, and Elder Penrose continued as Assistant Editor. In September, 1868, Albert Carrington commenced to preside over the Mission and edit the *Star*, having as Assistant Editors, Elder George Teasdale and afterwards Elder John Jaques. Elder Horace S. Eldredge succeeded Albert Carrington in June, 1870, with Elder Jaques as assistant. In June, 1871, Elder Carrington succeeded Elder Eldridge, with Elder George Reynolds, James G. Bleak, S. S. Jones and John C. Graham, in the order named, as Assistant Editors. President Carrington, having occasion to return home in October, 1873, Elder Lester J. Herrick was left in temporary charge, Elder Graham still doing most of the editorial work. In March,

1874, President Joseph F. Smith became Mission President and Editor; and between that date and September, 1875, when President Carrington succeeded him, Elders Graham, L. J. Nuttall and Edward Hanham acted successively as Assistant Editors. The last named was succeeded in January, 1877, by Elder David McKenzie, who was followed by Elder Henry W. Naisbitt the following October. President Carrington again returned home in June, 1877, and was succeeded in office by President Joseph F. Smith.

On the death of President Brigham Young in August, 1877, President Smith was called home. It was in this month that Patriarch James H. Wallis was called in to help in the publishing department of the *Star*. Elder Naisbitt was placed in temporary charge of the Mission and continued as Associate Editor until July, 1878, when Elder William Budge came to preside over the Mission. Elder John Nicholson relieved Elder Naisbitt in September, 1878, and laboured in that capacity until October, 1880, when Elder Charles W. Stayner succeeded him. Albert Carrington succeeded President Budge in November, 1880, and Bishop Orson F. Whitney succeeded Elder Stayner.

In November, 1882, Apostle John Henry Smith succeeded Albert Carrington, and Elder George C. Lambert followed Bishop Whitney as Associate Editor. President Daniel H. Wells arrived at midnight on the closing day of 1884 to succeed Apostle John Henry Smith, and Elder George Osmond took Elder George C. Lambert's place on the *Star*. In March, 1885, President Charles W. Penrose arrived to assist editorially on the *Star* in connection with Elder Osmond. On November 30th, 1886, Elder George Teasdale arrived to succeed President Daniel H. Wells, and Elder B. H. Roberts became Associate Editor in place of Elder Osmond, continuing until October, 1888, in which time he produced the *New Witness For God*. Elder Thomas W. Brockbank arrived on November 28th, to succeed him, and laboured as Associate Editor until February, 1890, when he was followed by Elder John E. Carlisle. President George Teasdale was released September, 1890, as President of the Mission after four years of active service, and Apostle Brigham Young succeeded him. In December, 1890, Elder Carlisle was released to return home, and Elder James H. Anderson was appointed to fill the vacancy, his labours ending October, 1829, when Elder W. B. Dougall, Jr., succeeded him as Associate Editor. Elder Dougall suffered ill health and was released to return home May 20th, 1893. The following month Apostle Anthon H. Lund arrived to preside over the Mission in place of Apostle Brigham Young. In July, 1893, Elder John V. Bluth, now president of the Canadian Mission, was appointed Associate Editor, but was released October, 1894, on account of ill health, and was succeeded by Elder Alfred L. Booth, January, 1895. He laboured in this capacity until June 20th, 1896, when Elder Edwin F. Parry succeeded him, he having arrived April 17th for that purpose. After presiding over the Mission for more than three years, Apostle Lund was released July, 1896, and the same month Elder Rulon S. Wells, one of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies, arrived in Liverpool to take his place, Elders Joseph W. McMurrin and Edwin F. Parry having been appointed by the First Presidency as his counsellors. Elder Parry was released from his labours on the *Star* in June, 1898, and Elder Attewell Wootton arrived in July, 1898, to succeed him.

Presidents Wells and McMurrin sailed for home December, 1898, and were succeeded the following week by Presidents Platte D. Lyman and Henry W. Naisbitt. Elder Wootton, active editor of the *Star*, was released August, 1900, and President Naisbitt took full charge until his release, June 6th, 1901.

On May 17th, 1901, Apostle Francis M. Lyman arrived in England to preside over the Mission, at which time there were over 500 missionaries in Great Britain. In this month Elder Joseph J. Cannon, now editor of the *Deseret News*, was appointed Associate Editor of the *Star*, and in addition to his labours he wrote a brilliant biography of President Brigham Young, which ran through twenty-one numbers, and is one of the best brief biographies of the great leader ever written. In one of his editorials he states that 93,708 saints had gathered to Zion for the period ending December, 1901.

Apostle Lyman was succeeded January 1st, 1904, by President Heber J. Grant. There were 597 missionaries in the field at that time. Elder Joseph J. Cannon was released and sailed for home January 14th, 1904, and was succeeded by Elder Walter M. Wolfe, who, however, filled the position only until May, 1904, when he was released and his place filled by Elder Nephi Anderson. He was succeeded August, 1906, by Elder William A. Morton. Apostle Charles W. Penrose arrived in Liverpool, November 2nd, 1906, to succeed President Heber J. Grant. In his farewell and valedictory, President Grant said, in part:

To-day it is thirty-five months since I assumed the presidency of the European Mission. The time has passed very rapidly. I have been busy and thoroughly enjoyed my labours. The mission was in splendid condition, and I have endeavoured to maintain the high standard set by my predecessor. Since my arrival, nine hundred and sixteen missionaries have registered in Liverpool. In January, 1904, the property at 10 Holly Road was purchased as mission headquarters. It was a wonderful improvement over the old quarters at 42 Islington. On November 21st, 1906, a splendid home at 295 Edge Lane, known as Durham House, was secured. During the eleven months ending November 30th, 1907, there have been printed at the mission headquarters the following tracts and books: Rays of Living Light, 785,500; Articles of Faith and Letter, 600,000; First Principles of the Gospel, 463,000; Is Baptism Essential, 534,000; Is Belief Alone Sufficient, 286,000; Glad Tidings, 266,000; Only True Gospel, 162,000; Baptism How and By Whom Administered, 166,000; Baptism for the Remission of Sins, 144,000; Universal Apostasy, 89,000; The Only Way to be Saved, 74,000; Restoration of the Everlasting Gospel, 60,500; Necessity of Revelation, 56,500; Why Is It? 39,000; Character of the Latter-day Saints, 11,500; Bound Rays of Living Light, 70,000; My Reasons for Leaving the Church of England, 20,400; Was Joseph Smith Sent of God? 5,000; Parry's, 19,000.

In April, 1909, Elder S. Norman Lee succeeded Elder Morton as associate editor of the *Star*, while President Penrose was succeeded in June, 1910, by Apostle Rudger Clawson. Elder Hugh Ireland (for many years past editor of the *Liahona*) was called to take the place of Elder Morton on the *Star*, which he did on May 28th, 1911. President Clawson was honourably released and called home by the First Presidency on April 11th, 1913, and Apostle Hyrum M. Smith arrived September 30th, that year, to preside over the mission in his stead. Elder Thomas A. Brookbank succeeded Elder Ireland as associate editor, April 20th, 1913, and

served until October, 1914, when Elder J. M. Sjordahl took his place. In August, 1916, Apostle George F. Richards arrived in Liverpool to preside over the European Mission in place of Apostle Hymn M. Smith. Among the early movements inaugurated by President Richards was to call and set apart over five hundred sisters from the different districts to augment the missionary work, which had suffered severely on account of the war. In the year 1918 these faithful sisters distributed 885,633 tracts, and had made 274,512 calls while tracting.

On April 10th, 1919, Elder Jimms F. Wells arrived to succeed Elder J. M. Sjordahl in the editorial work of the *Star*, and Apostle George Albert Smith arrived June 25th, 1919, to succeed Apostle George F. Richards as President of the Mission. Apostle Orson F. Whitney was appointed to succeed him on July, 1921, but his health only permitted him to remain until November, 1922, when Apostle David O. McKay arrived to take his place. In July, 1922, Elder William A. Morton again returned to England to labour as Associate Editor, and was succeeded in March, 1923, by Elder David L. O. McKay. Elder George M. Hopfenbeck took Elder McKay's place in October, 1923, and served until April, 1925, when he was followed by Elder F. Artell Smith.

In November, 1924, Apostle James E. Talmage arrived to preside over the European Mission, in succession to Elder David O. McKay, who was honourably released to return home. Elders James K. Knudson and Richard L. Evans were his Associate Editors in the editorial department of the *Star*.

Apostle John A. Widtsoe succeeded Elder Talmage as president in January, 1928, and is still faithfully filling the duties of that responsible and sacred calling, being at the present time in the Holy Land, establishing the new mission there. Those who have assisted him in the editorial work were Weston N. Nordgren, from November, 1928, to May, 1930; William D. Callister, May, 1930, to August, 1931; James H. Wallis, August, 1931 and still acting; Weldon C. Roberts, August, 1931, to February, 1932, and Dennis McCarthy, February, 1932, who still continues in the work.

LONDON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE three sessions of the annual spring conference of the London District, held at Kensington Town Hall, Sunday, May 7th, afforded both members and friends a splendid opportunity for instruction in the doctrines and principles of the Gospel. The theme of the day, "Modern Revelation from God, an Answer to the Modern Problems of Men," was well received in each session, by an average attendance of over two hundred members and friends.

In the morning assembly, divided into Priesthood and Relief Society groups, reports of branch conditions and activities were made by the presiding officers of the branches, the problems peculiar to each organization were discussed, and words of advice given by the mission authorities.

During the afternoon session, the general authorities of the Church were sustained by the unanimous vote of the attending

membership, and President Frank R. Miller presented to the conference a report of the condition and activities of the district for the past six months. Musical numbers were contributed by the district choir, under the direction of Brother Samuel Hislop, and by the District Elders' Quartette, under the supervision of Sister Endora Widtsoe. Talks addressed to the theme of the conference were given by Elder Louis Meadows, Brother Andre K. Anastacion and Brother George F. Poole.

The evening session came as a climax to a day of spiritual rejoicing. Sister Wallis and Sister Douglas expressed the happiness that their mission had brought them. President Douglas recounted his experiences with the early leaders of the Church. Patriarch Wallis explained the necessity of authority, and the lack of it in the churches of orthodox Christianity to-day. Musical numbers were rendered by the district choir and Mr. Hayden Coffin, who also spoke briefly of his great friendship and respect for the Church.

A beautiful spirit of love and good-fellowship, drawing the members into greater unity, characterized all the meetings of the day. Friendships were renewed, and a number of contacts with investigators effected.

The conference was directed by President James H. Douglas of the British Mission, and the auxiliary meetings by Sister Rintia Pratt Douglas, consulting supervisor of the auxiliaries and president of the Relief Society of the British Mission. There were in attendance also, Patriarch and Sister James H. Wallis, Sister Nettie Woodbury, Sister Ileen A. Waspé, Elders Howard Cullimore, Elmo Ellsworth, Dennis McCarthy, Franklin S. Harris and Leon Frehner of the European Mission Office; Elders Rulon D. Newell, LeRoy Anderson, Leslie T. Norton, Louis G. Robinson, John B. Stagg and Hugh D. Higgins of the British Mission Office; President Frank R. Miller, Elders Louis G. Meadows, Farron E. Cutler and Richard S. Bennett of the London District; President Delwin M. Clawson and Elder Bartlett L. Christensen of the Portsmouth District; President William H. Clawson of the Leeds District; President Raphael C. Palfreyman of the Sheffield District, and President Jodie J. Smith of the Scottish District.

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